

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TUNIS 01734 151632Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 SSM-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-15 MCT-01 /086 W
-----160143Z 041876 /75-62

R 151600Z MAR 77
FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6061
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

UNCLAS TUNIS 1734

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, TS, XF, PLO
SUBJECT:
OEN OF PALESTINIAN WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS ELECT
NEW SECRETARIAT

REF: TUNIS 1498

1. PALESTINIAN WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS UNION CLOSED FIVE-DAY MEETING IN TUNIS ON MARCH 9 WITH ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARIAT. "NATIONAL UNITY" GROUPS (FATAH AND ALLIES) PRESENTED CANDIDATES FOR ALL FIFTEEN SEATS TO BE FILLED, AND "INDEPENDENT" GROUP PRESENTED LIST OF TEN CANDIDATES. OF 166 PARTICIPANTS IN CONGRESS, ONLY 132 PARTICIPATED IN ELECTION; 34 DELEGATES WERE LISTED AS "ABSENT."

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, A NUMBER OF FATAH PARTICIPANTS REFUSED TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF THEIR GROL LEADERSHIP (FATAH WAS SAID TO HAVE CONTROLLED 60 PERCENT OF DELEGATES, "INDEPENDENTS" AROUND 40 PER CENT). AS RESULT, MORE "INDEPENDENTS" (NOTABLY BILAL AL HASSEN, MAAN BACHOUR AND HANI MENDES) WERE ELECTED THAN CONGRESS LEADERSHIP
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TUNIS 01734 151632Z

IS SAID TO HAVE EXPECTED.

3. BREAKDOWN OF THOSE ELECTED WAS: FIVE FOR FATAH, FIVE FOR INDEPENDENTS, TWO FOR PFLP, TWO FOR PDFLP, ONE FOR PFLP-GC. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF BAATH (FATHI MOUSSA FROM SYRIA AND NACIF AOUD FROM IRAQ) WERE NOT ELECTED, SUPPOSEDLY CONTRARY TO "INSTRUCTIONS"

FROM LEADERSHIP OF VARIOUS GROUPS AT CONGRESS.

4. APART FROM ABOVE, PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS OF ELECTION RESULTS DID NOT INDICATE FURTHER TO WHICH PALESTINIAN FACTIONS SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES BELONGED. WE ARE REPORTING LIST AS IT WAS PUBLISHED, HOWEVER, AD DEPARTMENT AND INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY FIND IT USEFUL FOR BIOGRAPHIC AND OTHER PURPOSES.

5. NAJI ALLOUCH, THE UNION'S PREVIOUS SECRETARY GENERAL, WAS RECONFIRMED IN A PROVISIONAL CAPACITY, PENDING ELECTION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF A NEW PERMANENT SECRETARY GENERAL.

6. LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED TO SECRETARIAT:

YAHIA YAKHLAF	98 VOTES
NAJI ALLOUCH	97 VOTES
MAHMOUD DARWICH	96 VOTES
KHALED ABOU KHALED	95 VOTES
RACHED ABOU CHAWER	89 VOTES
BASSAM ABOU CHARIF	77 VOTES
MAGED ABOU CHARAR	76 VOTES
HANNA MOQBIL	72VOTES
MAAN BACHOUR	67 VOTES
MU'IN BESSIBSOU	65 VOTES
ALI ISHAQ	62 KVOTES
HANI MENDES	61 VOTES
SAID HAMMOUD	57 VOTES
JAMIL HILLAL	56 VOTES

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TUNIS 01734 151632Z

L ZIAD ABDELFAHATTAH
OR BILAL AL HASSEN 56 VOTES

(SUBSEQUENT VOTE WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN LATER TO BREAK TIE.)
MULCAHY

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PALESTINIANS, SECRETARY GENERAL, ELECTION RESULTS, WRITERS, JOURNALISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 15-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TUNIS01734
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: D770089-0445
Format: TEL
From: TUNIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770357/aaaabxuk.tel
Line Count: 102
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cbfc80b7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 TUNIS 1498
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3098885
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CHANGED> mcm 20041115
Subject: OEN OF PALESTINIAN WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS ELECT NEW SECRETARIAT
TAGS: PFOR, TS, XF, PLO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cbfc80b7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009